



REMARKABLE RECOVERY—When Staff Sergeant Robert Musselman entered McGuire Hospital eight months ago his right leg was completely paralyzed. Now, walking almost as good as ever, he is shown as he boarded a camp bus this week to begin a 90-day furlough at his home at Altoona, Pa.

Victory Fund Drive Opens; Special Programs Planned

A campaign to raise McGuire General's quota of the local Victory and Community Fund will open next Monday, October 15, it was announced today by assistant chief chaplain, Major Edward W. Eanes, who is chairman of the hospital master committee and co-chairman in charge of all military installations in Richmond and vicinity.

The campaign, which will be continued from Monday through Saturday, will be highlighted by daily hit tune music by McGuire band in the arcade each noon from Monday 'til Wednesday, and a big Victory Fund benefit dance on Wednesday evening at 9 p.m. in No. 1 civilian center's new ball room at 601½ East Main St., Richmond.

All military and civilian personnel of McGuire and their guests are invited to attend the Victory Fund dance, for which an admission charge of \$1 (including tax) will be made.

A special rally for post civilians will be held during next Wednesday's orientation periods in Red Cross Hall. The two half-hour periods—3:00-3:30, and 4:00-4:30—will feature special entertainment and an outstanding guest speaker.

"Our quota for this drive is only \$2,400, and I feel quite confident that McGuire personnel and patients will more than meet this obligation," stated Chaplain Eanes.

"USO is one of the chief beneficiaries of this nation wide drive,

and every serviceman and woman realizes the importance of this work for overseas occupational troops and hospitalized veterans," the chaplain continued. "A contribution to this fund is the best way of showing our appreciation to the USO. Any donor who wishes to do so may earmark his contribution for the USO."

"No pressure will be brought to bear on patients, but any patient may contribute and a man will be assigned to each ward for the purpose of collecting the funds," said Chaplain Eanes.

Hospital commanding officer, Col. P. E. Duggins, has appointed the McGuire master committee which includes: Major Edward W. Eanes, chairman; Lt. Margaret White, officer personnel; Mr. George T. League, civilian personnel; Sgt. Manuel Lucero, enlisted personnel; and Lt. John Berman, publicity director.

"It is important that each of us contribute his share to providing for the health, welfare and comfort of our less fortunate fellow men," the chaplain pointed out.

300 Persons Expected at Gala Affair

Party goers will get their first glimpse of the swanky new Officers' Club tomorrow night when the doors are opened for the first time.

Over 300 officers and guests are expected to be present, according to Lt. Charles O. Clark, Jr., secretary-treasurer of the organization, who was in charge of advance reservations.

Opening ceremonies will get under way with the serving of pre-dinner cocktails at 6:30 p.m., followed by a dinner for gourmets prepared by a famous Richmond chef. Dinner will be served in the officers' mess from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

From that point on, it will be dancing until the wee hours.

New Top-Kick Here Lucero Takes Over

Headquarters Detachment has a new first sergeant. He is Technical Sergeant M. P. Lucero, veteran non-com of the detachment.

Sergeant Lucero, who was a pharmacist at Riverton, Wyoming, before entering the army 46 months ago, came to McGuire May 5, 1944. Previously he had been overseas for 22 months assigned to a station hospital in Trinidad. He was assigned to Valley Forge General Hospital for three months before his arrival here.

Recently the sergeant was assigned to handling the movement of separatees. This continues to be one of his chief duties as first sergeant. His other assignments here were with military training, hospital police and personnel and the evacuation of patients.

He succeeds First Sergeant Bill Allison, who has entered the hospital for treatment.

Separatees Offered Civilian Jobs Here

Six recently discharged McGuire GIs looked over the civilian employment field and returned to this post to fill their old jobs—but on a civil service basis.

Sgt. Merlin S. Snowden is now "Mr." senior electrician, Pfc. Robert Jones recently became civvy sanitary inspector and exterminator, T-4 Bob H. Patton stays on the job as X-ray technician, Sgt. Hunter W. Thurston is still in there pitching as a union limb fitter in the brace shop, T-3 John Twiford is now civilian foreman of the orthopedic shop and ex-Wac T-4 Addie B. Lawrence is still turning out those perfectly matched plastic eyes.

T-Sgt. Daniel Lane, a near-civilian, has already ear-marked his old GI job for himself and will return to it soon after his army exit.

"Whenever possible, veterans will be placed in jobs here at McGuire," Mr. Troxler stated, "and all GIs now readying for discharge are urged to check on the opportunities offered to them here as civilian employees."

GIs about to be separated from the army, who are interested in getting information about the possibilities offered in their old jobs, or other jobs on the post—from the civilian viewpoint—may secure information from Mr. Rowland L. Troxler, civilian personnel chief, Ext. 213. Application for the job may be filed while still qualifying for separation.

Detachment Dance Tuesday; Wacs to Wear Fem Frills

Well, all reet and stuff my cuff! Zoot, Jack, get off my back! I'm on my way, feel fine as wine, have a date with my mate and I'm gettin' groovy. I'm a solid sender, headin' for a bender.

All of which is another way of saying that Tuesday night is the night for all members of the headquarters and WAC detachments to dance to the solid rhythms played by George Paxton and his twenty men of melody, in person, direct from a long stand at the Cafe Rouge, in New York's Hotel Pennsylvania. The shindig will begin at 8:30 p.m. and the place is the gym.

That's All, Brother—

Due to the heavy pressure of work in connection with separation activities, the weekly orientation for all military duty personnel has been suspended for the time being. Captain David W. Tieszen, chief, information and education branch, announced this week.

Mrs. Anthony New ARC Field Director

McGuire welcomed, this week, its new Red Cross Field Director, Mrs. Harriet G. Anthony, veteran of 15 months' overseas service in England and Normandy as assistant field director of the 32nd General Hospital. Mrs. Anthony assumed her new post after serving for the past 10 months as case work supervisor at Fort Meade Regional Hospital.

"My position here at McGuire is certainly as challenging in its opportunity for service as any Red Cross work I have done," declared Mrs. Anthony. "I am anxious to make McGuire soldiers feel that the Red Cross is their organization, and that we are very willing to help them."

Despite the fact that her service abroad suggested exciting experiences, the new ARC director minimized her part in the Normandy chapter. The 32nd General Hospital was located at Le Heys de Puits, only 15 miles from the battlefront at St. Mere Eglise, and casualties arrived from the fighting sometimes only three hours after being injured.

"They had the same concern for their families and the same need of personal supplies as do our men at McGuire," explained Mrs. Anthony.

Prior to Mrs. Anthony's coming to this hospital, Miss Lorraine Schmidt served as acting field director. She will now resume her duties as case work supervisor.

A native of Cheraw, South Carolina, the new Red Cross director joined the ARC in 1943 after a number of years' service with the White Williams Foundation in Philadelphia as a social worker.

New Separatees Swell PX Sales

"I want a nice wrist watch for my wife."

"Let me see one of those alligator bags. My mother has wanted one for a long while."

"A box of cigars, please!"

"Say, Miss, do you think my dad would like that wallet?"

These one-sentence queries are flooding the PX clerks these days as 50 or 60 separatees prepare to go home bearing gifts. Capt. Max Dreyer, PX officer, indicates that the volume of local sales has soared since the separation point began speeding recent discharges.

Soldiers are clearly thinking of wives, sweethearts, mothers, dads and brothers in their final days at McGuire before making their final break with Army life. It would seem that these battle-weary men are thinking of the folks who await them back home—not themselves.

For the festivities, the gymnasium will undergo a transformation. It is planned that, for the evening, the sports place will be converted into a night club. Tables will border the dance floor and decorations will be in the traditional Broadway custom.

While the male members of the detachment must wear a Class A uniform, the females, lucky girls, will be able to doff olive drab for the occasion. The WAC will blossom forth in multi-hued formals and the rustle of taffeta, or the whisper of chiffon will do much to add to the mood of the evening. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the girls to see what they will look like as civilians after months and years in the service.

Another gay note will be the cor-sages provided each girl by the special services office. WACs lacking formals will be present, of course. While the dance is intended only for members of the station complement, patients who are invited by WACs to act as escorts will be admitted, as will civilian girls accompanying the detachment men.

George Paxton and his musicians have been heralded by critics as a band that will "really be up there" before the year is over. Paxton, former sax man with Ina Ray Hutton's crew, has been booked in the key spots in the northeast since starting his own band two years ago. The boys have had a long stand at New York's Roseland ballroom and Frank Dailey's Meadowbrook, both long known as jumping off places for name bands.

Remember, cats, the date is Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 8:30 p.m. Place—the gym. Admission, free.

Two-Star General Converted to PFC

McGuire's highest-ranking patient, 61-year-old Maj. Gen. Wallace C. Philoon, was retired from active service on War Department orders two days ago. Temporarily on sick leave at his home in Frederick, Md., Gen. Philoon is a veteran of 40 years of continuous Army service.

From 1914 to 1938 he served in Hawaii, China, and the Philippines. At Panama when war was declared in 1941, Gen. Philoon was later transferred to Alaska where his tour of duty continued until this year.

His promotion from Brigadier General to Major General occurred while on terminal leave at McGuire. He is expected to return here shortly before resuming civilian life. (Proud Future Civilian!)

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McGUIRE BANNER

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Writer's Cramp

A veteran cinema writer and very successful scenarist, Nunally Johnson, gives the formula for writing the hit movie: "WRITE AS THOUGH EVERY LINE WERE A TEN-WORD TELEGRAM."

Judging from some of the movies we've seen lately, an even tighter economy of words might have been exercised. Our suggestion would be, simply, "STOP."

If our feminine readers are really interested in what happened to nylon stockings during the recent war, here's the inside dope on why the filmy leg coverings no longer encase the better gams about town. It seems that, employed as a bath through which thousands of miles of copper wire used in ammunition was passed, the liquid nylon coated the stuff and insulated it as neatly as it wraps itself about a pair of stems. Amazing stuff.

We have the best reason of all, we think, for feeling happy about the end of the war. With the termination of hostilities, new vistas open up before that embattled group of warriors who even behind the shelter of their desks in air-conditioned offices were able to crawl into a foxhole with the crummiest GI, storm a beach with the Marines or stare hopelessly into space with a prisoner of war held by the enemy. We refer to that high pressure sharp shooter with words,—the adwriter.

If you remember, they had us fighting the war for blueberry pie, chocolate ice cream sodas, cokes or our favorite brands of cigarettes. To them the GI was a good-natured joker with a sweet tooth who was kissed off about the war because he couldn't stuff his cavities with goodies.

Right now they're concentrating on the wonders of science in showing us a glimpse of the mechanical wonders about to come.

We're happy they made it out of the foxhole by Christmas.

Another indication that the war is over was an incident we observed in the library here the other day. A second lieutenant, his bar slightly tarnished and his shoes in need of repair, was lounging in a soft chair smoking a cigar and reading of all things, a copy of "The Wall Street Journal."

The gears of the war time propaganda machine having ground to a clanking halt, some of our finest legends are proved to have little basis in fact. In the desperate days on Wake Island when a handful of gallant defenders fought bitterly to staunch the flow of enemy invasion, a story released over every press system had it that the last appeal from the Marines was that they be sent more Japs. That bubble was punctured neatly by Col. Devereux, commanding officer of the leatherneck garrison when he said, "More Japs? We had more than our hands full with the ones that were already there!"

Incidental intelligence about GIs from Time magazine reveals that life can be beautiful. Item one says that at a mid-western army post, the librarian reported that the civilian subjects most popular with soldiers were hunting and interior decorating. Item two reports that Chicago police found a man's wooden leg, smartly shod, standing on a street corner.

That's all, this week.

—D. F.



GI SHAVINGS

BY

JOE and JOSIE

McGUIRE

A rude awakening the other morning was the lot of the men quartered in the barracks affectionately known as "Swine Pavilion." One of its members, perhaps a little more than impressed with the previous evenings' entertainment, flung aside his bed cappings, leaped out of his sack and began pirouetting and entrechatting all over the place in his long johns.

It seems our hero had witnessed the performance of the Ballet Russe and was entranced by the capers and posturings of that talented group. The lithe figures on the stage inspired our boys to heights of hero-worship. Flicking his dainty toes together as he leaped high into the air, our lad was last observed being carried away on clouds of rapture.

Delicacy prevents us from mentioning his name.

Fire prevention week was duly observed by members of the WAC detachment this week. One woolen blanket was issued each of the enlisted women. The idea, we guess, is to keep the frigid lasses so toasty

warm that they won't have to heat the barracks with coal stoves. The tie-up is that this will help prevent fires—in the stoves, anyhow. Yak-yak.

There's plenty of "snow" around, these frosty ayems, especially in the vicinity of the mess hall. Late risers, reluctant to leave the cozy warmth of their beds, have dashed down to the messateria like mad hoping to get in under the wire at 0730. Those who fail can be heard wailing all over the place. Pfc. Enrione, mess gadget, is collecting some of the tallest tales in Virginia, suh. He's a mighty hard man to convince as several of the fellers have discovered.

Bars and Stripes

To Captain

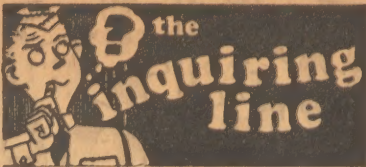
1st Lt. Samuel L. Allen
1st Lt. Edward G. Face, Jr.
1st Lt. Ernest M. Hammes
1st Lt. James C. Quick

To Technical Sergeant

S-Sgt. Thelma G. Tipton
T-3 Dorothy C. Luck

To Technician 4th Grade

T-5 Pauline A. Morin



By Major R. A. Murphy

Q. I was ordered at one time during my service to sign a waiver on my physical disability. Will this statement be held against me when I file a pension claim?

A. Under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 it is provided that no person in the armed forces shall be required to sign a statement of any nature relating to the origin, incurrence, or aggravation of any disease or injury he may have, and that any such statement against his own interest signed at any time shall be null and void and of no force and effect. (Sec. 105, Public Law 346, 78th Congress, approved 22 June 44.)....

Q. How does a disabled veteran claim preference for a civil service examination?

A. He files Preference Form 14 and proof of honorable separation from the armed forces with the Commission. In addition, he must furnish an official statement, dated within 6 months, from the Veterans' Administration, War Department, Navy Department, or Coast Guard certifying to the present existence of a service-connected disability; or an official statement from the Veterans' Administration, dated within 6 months, showing that the claimant is in receipt of pension for nonservice-connected disability; or an official statement from the Veterans' Administration, War Department, Navy Department, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard certifying that the claimant is in receipt of disability-retirement benefits.

Q. If the class A dependents of a soldier make application for a family allowance, and the soldier thinks they should not be granted an allowance because of special circumstances, can the soldier appeal for relief from the requirement of providing a family allowance for them?

A. There is no way in which the soldier may control an application made by or on behalf of an eligible class A dependent. Section 104 of Public Law 625, 77th Congress, states: "A monthly family allowance shall be granted and paid by the United States to the class A dependent or dependents of any such entitled man upon written application to the department concerned made by such enlisted man or made by or on behalf of such dependent or dependents."

USO Show Arrives Makes 2-Day Stand

"Showing Off," a gay USO show—full of comedy, dance and song—is scheduled for McGuire General Hospital for two days, October 13 and 15.

The cast includes Swor and Goode, blackface comedy act; Burns and Baker, dance team; Beverly Lee, singer; Four Sharps, variety, and Rita Jarvis, pianist.

Saturday night, October 13, there will be two shows for patients only in the Red Cross Hall at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

A tour of the wards will be made Monday afternoon, October 15, beginning at 2 p.m. In the evening a performance open to all personnel of the hospital will be given in the Post Theater at 8:15 p.m. On that evening there will be only one showing of the movie at 6:15 p.m.

Chapel Schedule

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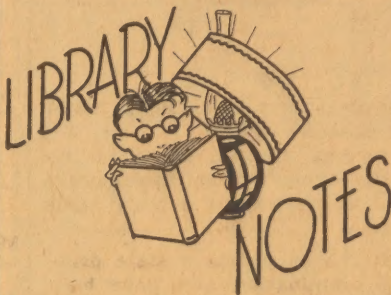
Midweek Service Wednesday evenings7:00 p.m.
Conference Room 12, Building 303.
Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.
and, at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room, Bldg. 303.

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass8:30, 11 a.m.
Daily Mass.....5 p.m.
Confessions Saturday, 6:30, 8 p.m.
and Daily before Mass.

JEWISH

Friday Services.....7:00 p.m.



By Suzanne McLaurin Connell

The essay is a form which holds a lofty place in the field of literature but does not enjoy a wide popularity among readers. It has too often suffered the price of greatness by being neglected and compelled to live a lonely life on a library shelf. Now is the time to say a word in its favor and suggest it as ideal reading for the hospital patient.

Its informal style and pleasant subject matters are qualities which should make the essay good reading for the patient. A good essay is synonymous with the word "comfort" and reminds one of such pleasant things as a cat by a fireplace, a walk in the country on a fair day, or a cozy room on a stormy night; it has the combined merits of a briar pipe, a cup of coffee and a comfortable chair. The essay has a soothing touch, is easy on the mind, and can make life far more pleasant.

For example, try Lamb's Essays of Elia. If you've already read it, you can still enjoy it for the hundredth time; if you haven't yet read it, you'll be making a great discovery and having a good time while you're doing it.

Christopher Morley's two excellent books, *The Romany Stain* and *Essays*, are well worth reading and will surely reward any reader who spends some delightful hours with them.

If you'd like to read a book guaranteed to amuse you, try *Speaking of Myself*, a collection of light essays and sketches by Stewart Edward White.

Or, perhaps you feel the need of some lofty and inspiring writing. If that is the case, you can always turn to Emerson and you'll find his essays waiting for you at the Library.

Anyhow, in your search for reading material, don't forget the essay. Remember, it isn't just a literary form shut away in the pages of some anthology, it is a readable and interesting piece of writing which has something to say to you.

Albany, N. Y. (CNS)—Gas stations and small retail stores top the list of small businesses which GIs wish to open in New York State, the State Commerce Department has announced. Inquiries about opportunities in these fields lead all others, it was said.

McGUIRE

On the Air

OPEN HOUSE AT McGUIRE

Saturday 5:00-5:30 p.m. WRVA
HEAR special music by McGuire Band.

MONKEYSHINES AT McGUIRE

Wednesday, 7:30-8:00 p.m. WRNL
HEAR and SEE this hilarious quiz show at the Red Cross. Fun begins at 7 p.m.

CORPORAL EDDIE WEAVER

Thursday, 3:45-4:00 p.m. WRVA
HEAR organ melodies by Eddie Weaver. Featuring interviews with patients.

OKAY AMERICA

Tues., Oct. 23, 9:30-10 p.m. WRVA
HEAR and SEE this entertaining Show starring patients and mc'd by Joe Brown, transcribed in a ward. Show begins at 7 p.m.



POST THEATRE

Week of Friday, October 12. Show for patients at 6:15p.m.; for duty personnel at 8:15 p.m.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY—"Abbott & Costello in Hollywood."
SUNDAY & MONDAY—"House on Ninety-Second Street," with William Eythe, Lloyd Nolan.

TUESDAY—Double Feature: "Scotland Yard Investigator," with Eric Von Stroheim, Stephanie Bachelor; "Sunset in Eldorado," with Roy Rogers, Dale Evans.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY—"Weekend at the Waldorf," with Ginger Rogers, Walter Pidgeon, Lana Turner, Van Johnson.

FRIDAY—"Man Alive," with Pat O'Brien, Ellen Drew.





MOTORIZED MARVEL—At the wheel of this specially-designed hydromatic Oldsmobile is one of McGuire's paraplegic patients, Pfc. George F. Bowman, of Havre de Grace, Md. Temporarily paralyzed from the chest down as a result of a spinal wound in Bastogne, France, Bowman operates this car only with his hands. General Motors engineers have added special controls for amputees; in this car the patient, drives with a hand-operated gas feed and brake. The clutch and gear shift are automatic.

Familiar Task Thrills Vet; Paraplegic Drives Again

By CPL. CHARLES W. WOODS

The blue and gray hydromatic Oldsmobile with the Michigan license plates drove slowly through post traffic at McGuire last Tuesday, and hardly anybody noticed the driver. If he was observed at all, he was seen wearing the maroon pajamas of the Army Medical Department, and—much more important to this story—he was wearing a broad smile.

This was his first time in the driver's seat for more than a year and a half. Last January, Pfc. George F. Bowman was pretty sure he never would drive again. A screaming scrap of shrapnel had nicked his spine during the fighting at Bastogne, France, and Bowman became, on the medical records, a paraplegic.

In simple language, he had become paralyzed from the chest down—a disability that made both legs temporarily useless. The two feet that had pressed the brake, clutch, and gas feed of his '39 Chevrolet back home for thousands of miles around his town of Havre de Grace, Maryland—the same two feet that had carried him to the drug store and the garage, were helpless. Bowman could not so much as wiggle a little toe.

How could anybody drive a car without feet? Bowman did this week, and he drove like a veteran. He was lifted into the front seat. He started the motor, backed out of the driveway behind his ward, and headed for Richmond. With him was reconditioning service's Cpl. Frank S. Rowley, Jr., who has trained more than 100 amputees to drive at McGuire and is now expanding his teaching to include paraplegics.

The Oldsmobile Pfc. Bowman drove was especially designed by General Motors engineers for amputees. It can be driven, as Bowman operated it, entirely by the hands. It can be operated by any disabled veteran, for that matter, who has any combination of arm or leg amputations.

The clutch and gear shift are automatic. Just under the steering wheel is a hand-operated gas feed and brake—that is why Pfc. Bowman wore that huge grin, and that explains the ease with which he resumed driving after his long hospitalization since his injury.

"Boy, I'm going to get me a car just like this and see the country," Bowman elatedly told his Army teacher. "If that taxi driver we just passed knew who was driving this car, I bet he'd have moved clear off the road."

This soldier had made his first dramatic stride toward a near-normal post-war life. And General Motors and Ford have indicated that there will be no extra charge for the installation of equipment necessary to permit amputee and paraplegic driving.

Amputee driving was instigated at the request of Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, Army Surgeon General. During the past six months, 112 amputees discharged from Mc-

Guire have passed a state driving examination and have been given an operator's license.

Now, the program is being expanded as rapidly as possible to include men with spinal injuries which have resulted in varying degrees of temporary paralysis in the lower extremities.

The morale factor for these injured men is inestimable. According to Capt. John M. Sisley, chief, physical reconditioning section: "They learn that they are not helpless. They get in the open, see new and refreshing scenes that are a heartening change from bleak hospital walls. The whole attitude of a paraplegic patient is completely changed after one driving experience."

Discussion Groups Inform Patients

A discussion program in which all patients at McGuire General Hospital will participate is scheduled to begin next week.

The discussions will take place in wards and rooms of the hospital each Tuesday and Thursday morning, according to Captain David W. Tieszen, chief, information and education branch.

The program consists of two major phases. The first includes information on soldiers' and veterans' rights emphasizing such subjects as the GI Bill of Rights and the laws applying to disabled veterans. The second phase consists of discussion of domestic and international current events and other timely subjects.

One phase will be taken up at each weekly session.

Lieutenant Morris Kaplan, who is at McGuire on temporary duty, is organizing the program. This week he has been interviewing patients to act as discussion leaders. A group of some 20 men will be selected as leaders. They will go into the wards and conduct the discussions.

"It is important that every man in a democracy think of the problems of his country," Captain Tieszen said. "These discussions will get the men interested in these problems and enable them to seek their solution in an intelligent manner."

The schedule calls for 108 discussions each week. Most of the discussions will be on a ward basis except where there are a large percentage of bed patients.

MP's Lot Happier Swing Shift Gone

Things are back to normal for the Military Police unit at McGuire General Hospital.

For the first time since the hospital was established—except for a short period last spring—the organization is now up to authorized strength and the soldiers assigned to it, consequently, are back on regular hours.

Military Police now work every other day—24 hours on and 24 hours off.

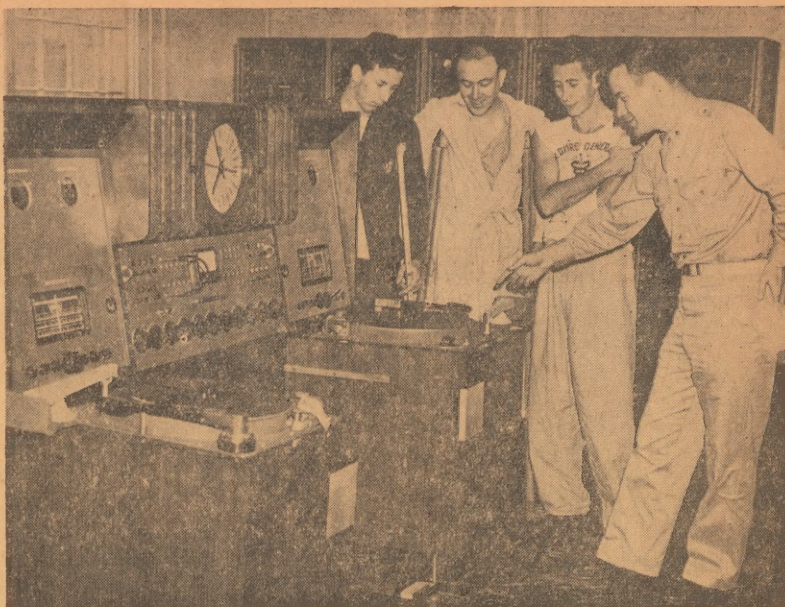
This is in sharp contrast with the hours put in by the men just a few weeks ago. Then they were working from 72 to 96 hours weekly. It was not uncommon for a man to work 20 out of the 24 hours day-in-and-day out.

Lt. Standish Thompson, director of the security and intelligence office, explained that for a long time the MPs just couldn't get men and those they had dwindled due to discharges. He optimistically added:

"Now if we don't get too many prisoners and don't lose too many men through discharges we should be all set for a while."

The authorized strength of the unit is 16 men. At one time, a year ago last summer, the number of MP's dropped to six and it was necessary to call on Headquarters Detachment for help.

Among the new men who have been assigned to the unit in the last few weeks are a number of overseas veterans including T-5 George Rose, who was in Burma for 19 months with Merrill's Marauders; Pfc. Thomas J. Coppinger, ETO 15 months; Pfc. Paul Lucas, ETO 14 months, and Pfc. Ralph McNeely, ETO seven months.



BUCK ROGERS "SOUND BOX"—These men are inspecting broadcasting equipment that might have been designed for next Sunday's Buck Rogers or Flash Gordon adventures. It is the last word in ultra-modern control apparatus, the nucleus of McGuire's new 2,400-speaker radio system. Reading from left are Pfc. Ralph T. Cotter, Ward No. 2; Pfc. Bernard F. Casserly, Ward No. 1; Sgt. Edward McDonald, Ward No. 4; and hospital signal officer, Lt. John R. Lees.

Radio System Set; Tests Prove Okay

McGuire's \$100,000 broadcasting system is making rapid strides toward completion. This week the new studio building in the arcade sported a gay, light blue interior and its ultra-modern control equipment on which first tests have already been run.

The central control board, with its dual-speed turntables for transcribed entertainment, and the panels of gray-enameled amplifiers promise McGuire a high-powered, streamlined audio system that would be the envy of any commercial station.

Building 207 has been "wired for sound," and tests have been made on the completed channels, according to Lt. John R. Lees, signal officer. The endeavor now will be to streamline the remaining cable and speaker installation on the basis of short-cuts discovered in the first building just completed.

There is a good possibility, from the word of engineers in charge of the project, that the radio system will be McGuire's most handsome Christmas gift.



VALLEY FORGE—"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves love and thanks of man and woman." Members of the detachment here spending their first winter in the new barracks portray vividly the hardships of the cold season in Virginia. The papoose squatting at the base of the stove has heard Santa Claus slipping on the ice in the chimney. The suggestion has been made and fallen on deaf ears that the stove works best when stuffed with coal, wood and paper and ignited by a match.



REUNION AT McGUIRE—The old saw about "it's being a small world," was again confirmed in a remarkable coincidence here the other day. The men shown here are five of the eight regular Army men who enlisted some ten years before Pearl Harbor. Originally all members of the 6th Field Artillery at Ft. Hoyle, they were scattered to the farthest reaches of the earth when the emergency began. Since then they had never encountered any of the old-timers until their arrival here. These soldiers have served on every fighting front. They are, left to right, Pfc. George F. Bowman, Pfc. George Hamilton, Pfc. Alton Moore, S-Sgt. Howard E. Bixler and S-Sgt. Charles M. Bowers. Three others in the group were not present for the photo. They are, 1st. Lt. Theodore Berzinski, Pfc. Roland Gerstlauer and T-4 Russell Brubach.

Winner Next Week

We're still doing it! This is the second week we're rewarding some still undisclosed quiz kid with a War Bond for having the most accurate selections on Saturday's football games.

Just to run briefly through the rules to show how easy it is, here's all the contestant has to do:

Each edition of the BANNER for the rest of the football season will carry an entry blank on which will be listed 15 of Saturday's big games. The person predicting scores which come closest to the actual results will be awarded a War Bond in the amount of \$10.00.

All entries must be in by Thursday noon of the week before the game being played on Saturday. The winner will be announced in the BANNER one week after the games are played. By way of illustration, here's the way it works: In this issue of the BANNER is listed a contest entry blank for the games being played October 20. Entries must be in no later than noon of October 18. The name of the winner will appear in the BANNER in the issue dated October 26.

Mail or bring your entries in person to the Public Relations Office here at the hospital. Place entries in a sealed envelope marked "Attention of Sports Editor, McGuire Banner, Public Relations Office, McGuire General Hospital, Richmond, Va."

There's been one slight change made in determining eligibility in the contest. Military personnel only, enlisted or commissioned, male or female, are eligible.

CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

Saturday, 20 October 1945

Auburn	Tulane
Brown	Holy Cross
Bucknell	Penn State
Colgate	Columbia
Georgia	Louisiana State
Georgia Tech	Navy
Indiana	Iowa
Kentucky	Vanderbilt
Minnesota	Northwestern
Missouri	Kansas State
North Carolina State	Wake Forest
Notre Dame	Pittsburgh
Ohio State	Purdue
Rice	Southern Methodist
Wisconsin	Illinois
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Baseball Series End Season; Sport Fans Turn to Football

By SGT. DAVE FIDLER

With the World Series wrapped up for another year, sports enthusiasts throughout the nation can turn their undivided attention to the gridiron game. Fall, has always seemed to us to be not quite the right time for baseball. The crack of the bat is a herald of Spring, not a curtain closer for Summer.

The kickoff is as much a part of autumn as the scent of burning leaves in the crisp air; the time to relax; the time to hunt. Football is as American in autumn as pumpkins in the field or cider in the jug.

This is football time.

Form players had a field day picking winners last week-end. Only in the conservative Ivy League did two dignified heads topple. Yale's winning streak, started in 1943, ended after 26 games when old Eli failed to score a point against Holy Cross. Harvard was barely shaded by Tufts.

Things shape up somewhat differently for the matches scheduled this Saturday. It's with a wing and a prayer we scan the field this week. The lady horse-player that used to run her hat-pin through her scratch sheet had as good a system as any we can devise to corner the conquerors.

Let's run through the line-up of the 15 games selected in the BANNER last week and which are being played tomorrow.

Heading the list is the contest between Alabama and South Carolina. That's like asking whether you prefer hominy grits to corn pone. One vote for grits and Alabama gravy.

The cay-dets from West Point will attempt to cage the Michigan Wolverines. Unless the future generals are lured to their doom by the old wolf call, the Army mule-skinners will add another pelt to their trophy room.

Arkansas over Baylor; Columbia over Yale; Notre Dame over Dartmouth; all these look like money in the bank, subject to a slight discount, perhaps.

Two teams that suffered severe reversals at the hands of the Army and Navy will face each other when the Duke Blue Devils encounter the Wake Forest eleven. More evenly matched than they were last week, the two Tarheel teams should display a pretty fair brand of football. We bow to royalty and give the nod to Duke.

Penn State may prove tougher opposition than any team that has yet confronted Navy this season. In view of the Navy's power and reserves there's no point in being too sympathetic over the Nittany Lions. Navy, no doubt.

Ohio State's Buckeyes will trounce Wisconsin. Lafayette should shade Colgate's bright smile. Cornell's Cayuga will flood the puny Princeton players.

We look for Nebraska to stage a comeback from last week's lacing at the hands of Minnesota and to defeat the eleven from Indiana. The Hoosiers ought to make it mighty interesting for the Cornhuskers. Another mid-west game will see the meeting of Purdue and Iowa. There's no pooh-poohing Purdue. That's all, brother!

Carl Snavely's eleven from Chapel Hill will face a strong Penn team.

We predict an upset here; North Carolina over Penn.

In the two games remaining of the 15 selected, we see Tulane taking Rice while UCLA walks all over California.

And that just about washes us up for another week.

So They Say

By 1st SGT. BILL ALLISON

The great football rivalry between Army and Notre Dame began in 1913 and has continued annually with the exception of 1918. It's the oldest intersectional series in football.

Al Schacht tells this one: "When Hughie Jennings was managing the Detroit club he received a letter from a Michigan hopeful who boasted that he could strike out Ty Cobb three times out of four trips to the plate. Jennings risked the train fare of \$1.80 and the prospect was sent in to pitch against Cobb in batting practice. Ty slapped the kid's first pitch against the right-field fence, the second went clear out of the park in left, the third to deep center, and the fourth over the center-field barrier. 'Well,' Jennings demanded, 'what have you got to say?' 'I don't think that's Cobb,' the would-be pitcher told him."

Harry Heilmann, the old Detroit batting champion, calls Eddie Plank of the A's the most tantalizing pitcher he ever faced. Most of Plank's games lasted more than two hours. With a run in scoring position, he would keep the batter waiting while he tightened his belt, tied his shoe, or rearranged his cap. Then, more often than not, the hitter would swing at a bad ball.

One of the most colorful umpires of the old school was Silk O'Loughlin, who, to his dying day, claimed he never missed a play or lost an argument with a ball player. One day he was umpiring a game between the Yankees and Tigers. Lou Criger was catching for the Yankees and Jim Delehanty was at bat for the Tigers. O'Loughlin called a ball on Delehanty. Criger insisted it should have been a strike, and the usual argument ensued. O'Loughlin finally said, "We'll leave it to Delehanty; he's honest and he'll tell the truth. Now, Jim, where was the ball?" "Right thru the middle, you blind so-and-so," shot back Delehanty. Silk replied, "Well, Jim, between friends, I'd advise you to swing at the next one."

Long Beach, Cal. (CNS)—Hot-tempered Lorenzo T. Forter, 84, shot and killed his old buddy, William T. Judd, 74, because—he told police—"Judd was too young and skittish for me."

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

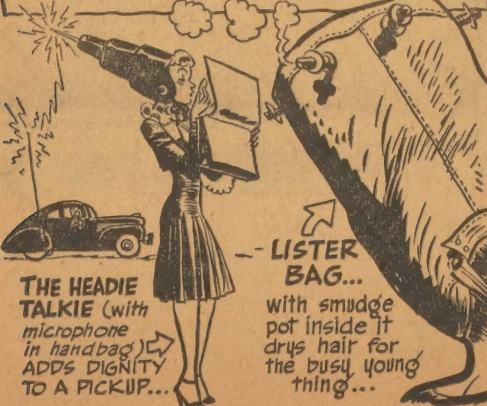
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IF YOU WERE WONDERING WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING WITH SURPLUS WAR EQUIPMENT—SOME OF IT HAS GONE INTO WOMEN'S HATS... (so it seems)



Lid Kid

DON'T LET IT WORRY YOU TOO MUCH — there are plenty of chicks who believe it's better with your hat OFF!

